

ROANOKE MECCA OF ODD FELLOWS

More Than 1,000 Already There for Grand Encampment of Virginia.

FOUR BRANCHES MEETING

Lodges From Many Cities Throughout State Are Well Represented.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Roanoke, Va., May 12.—Every train arriving in Roanoke today brought delegates to the annual meeting of the Odd Fellows of Virginia, which was opened here this morning with the session of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, which was called to order at 10 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

Four branches of Odd Fellowship will meet here, and in all it is expected that fully 1,200 people will be in attendance when the Grand Encampment opens tomorrow.

To-night the entertainment committee estimated the crowd of visitors here at 1,000, and large crowds are expected in the early trains to-morrow.

This morning at 9:30 three cantons of Patriarchs Militant formed at the Ponce de Leon Hotel and escorted the officers of the Grand Encampment to the Masonic Temple, where the body was called to order by Grand Patriarch E. A. Jenkins, of Natural Bridge. The first business taken up was the matter of the hearing of the reports of the various officers. These reports were heard and referred to the several committees, which were later appointed.

This afternoon the Grand Encampment concluded its business by the election of the following officers:

Dr. R. Lee Robinson, Newport News, grand patriarch.

John H. Seaborn, Roanoke, grand high priest.

W. C. Louhoff, Danville, grand senior warden.

E. M. Bunch, Lynchburg, grand scribe.

George W. Hill, Norfolk, grand treasurer.

J. T. Haynes, Richmond, grand junior warden.

Grand representatives—G. E. Hinkle, Richmond, and W. E. Latham, Alexandria.

The Department Council of Virginia of Patriarchs Militant, the highest branch of Odd Fellowship, met this afternoon, the meeting being presided over by Dr. Robinson, Commander Colonel H. H. Harlow, of Staunton.

Cantons from Richmond, Roanoke, Alexandria, Lynchburg, Staunton and Norfolk were represented at the meeting and seventy-five delegates were in session. The Patriarchs Militant has the honor of being the only uniformed rank of Odd Fellows in Virginia.

The Patriarchs Militant did not conclude their business this afternoon and adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, when officers will be elected.

To-morrow's program for the Grand Lodge follows:

9:30 A. M.—Assemble in Masonic auditorium, Henry Street and Kirk Avenue. This session is open to the public.

10:30 A. M.—Adjourn to the Chamber of Commerce, where the Chamber of Commerce committee will preside. Address of welcome on behalf of the city, Hon. C. B. Meowd, Mayor. Response by the grand master, A. M. Southall.

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